

ELIJAH



1 KINGS 18:20-39

Under the rule of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, the Israelites begin to worship Baal and Asherah instead of Yahweh. The Israelites are swayed by the people around them, and they really want to worship a god they can see. The prophet Elijah asks them how long they'll waffle between the worship of Yahweh and the worship of foreign gods. The people can't even answer. They don't know.

Elijah arranges a contest with the priests of Baal. They set up altars to their gods, and see whose god will light the first flame. Hundreds of priests of Baal dance frenetically around their altar for a really long time, imploring their god to send fire, but nothing happens.

Then it's Elijah's turn. He invites the people into the action, asking them pour water on his altar three times. Even though it's really wet, it ignites immediately.

TALK ABOUT THIS ...

Watch this video: sermonspice.com/product/21240/the-stool. What idols are present in our culture, and in our lives, today? Who or what do you worship? What diverts your attention away from God? Is God really at the center of your life, or are you just pretending? And what does that really mean? What does it look like to live with God as your center?

THIS WEEK'S THEMES:



SURPRISE:

What are your idols?
What gets in the way of truly living like God?



PRESENCE:

Does devoting your life to God mean spending every minute you can in church? Or is it about letting God into your relationships, your decisions, and your everyday life? How do you do that?



RESURRECTION:

What does it mean to have God light a fire in us?

FAITH⁵ ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story. TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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